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WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION
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Agreements for Cleaning of Ganga River
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANAGA REJUVENATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has signed any agreements with other countries for cleaning of the Ganga river;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) the quantum of funds received for this purpose so far;
(d) the names of various works started/ to be started under the said agreements; and
(e) the timeline fixed for completion of Ganga river cleaning along with the steps taken in this direction so far?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR WATER RESOURCES, RIVER DEVELOPMENT AND GANGA REJUVENATION
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(a), (b) & (d) Madam, several countries have offered technical assistance for Namami Gange Programme. At present, the Government has signed an implementation agreement with Germany for 3 Million Euro. GIZ Germany will under take activities including knowledge sharing/exchange, data and information management and public outreach.
(c) Funds received for this purpose so far are nil.
(e) The Namami Gange programme is scheduled to be completed by 2020.
As on 30th June 2016, 97 projects has been sanctioned under Namami Gange programme (including the existing projects sanctioned under NGRBA programme) in 53 towns at an estimated project cost of Rs. 8588.21 crore. Out of these, 12 projects are sanctioned exclusively under new components of Namami Gange programme at a sanctioned cost of Rs.351.42 crore.The Government recently launched 231 entry level and medium term projects under Namami Gange on 7th July, 2016. These projects include Ghat Development, Crematoria, setting up of Sewage treatment plants, afforestation etc.
Apart from above, "River Surface and Ghat Cleaning" programme using trash skimmer has been taken up initially in 6 cities namely Mathura-Vrindavan, Kanpur, Allahabad, Varanasi, Patna and New Delhi under the Namami Gange programme. Also, 5 central public sector units namely WAPCOS, EIL, NBCC, NPCC, EPIL have been recently engaged to carry out the work of condition Assessment & Feasibility Study and Entry level activities under Namami Gange Programme in their respective river stretches in Uttarakhand, UP, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal. 59 towns have been surveyed so far and 27 pre-feasibility reports prepared and received. The other activities taken up under entry level activities include repair and modernization of Ghats, provision of public amenities, village level drain (VLD) treatment, repair and modernization of crematoria, etc. 1242 ghats, 369 crematoria and 411 VLDs identified so far from the surveys and out of these 191 Ghats and 64 Crematoria have been recommended by Empowered Steering Committee (ESC) till date.
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